



**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
MOBILITY AND PARKING BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and at Memorial Hall
June 25, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sutela called the Mobility and Parking Board (MAP) meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

All members were present for roll call except for Board Members Jacobson, Prince and Porter.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Chair Cory Sutela
Vice Chair Karl Stang
Board Member Pamela Smith
Board Member Bill Koerner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Board Member Rolf Jacobson
Board Member Luke Prince
Board Member Joy Porter

STAFF AND LIAISONS PRESENT:

Mobility and Parking Director John Crawford
Mobility and Parking Supervisor James Kelemen
Parks and Recreation Director Gillian Rossi
Council Liaison Natalie Johnson
City Clerk Elena Krebs
Deputy City Clerk Kristen Dukoi

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Koerner moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Stang. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 2025 MAP Board Minutes

Vice Chair Stang moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Chair Sutela. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

F. BILL BAUERS PARK UPDATE – GILLIAN ROSSI

Parks and Recreation Director Rossi updated the board on the Bill Bowers Open Space, discussing a proposed trail connecting to Crystal Hills Boulevard. City Council suggested a third-party survey and public meeting, with Rossi seeking cost estimates for surveys, trail development, and an environmental impact study. The 7.88-acre property, acquired with Open Space funds, aligns with the 2016 POST Plan. The Open Space Advisory Committee is reviewing priorities, and a pinch point may require additional land.

G. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – NATALIE JOHNSON

Council Liaison Johnson reported that City Council reviewed speed camera data, revealing that 700 tickets per month would be needed to cover costs, which conflicts with the goal of changing driver behavior rather than generating revenue. The project is currently tabled due to high costs and lack of affordable technology, with plans to monitor future developments. However, Council acknowledged the ongoing need for traffic calming and intends to collaborate with staff to explore alternative solutions, potentially integrating these into next year's budget planning process, though decisions remain subject to change.

H. PRESENTATIONS

1. MAP Board Presentations

a. MAP Board Goal Review

Staff reviewed progress made on the micromobility master plan, and shared that a consultant meeting is scheduled for August, 2025. Staff reported on ongoing Residential Parking Program (RPP) guideline updates, and it was noted that board input is planned for the next meeting. It was shared that the Mobility Master Plan Request for Proposal (RFP) process was initiated, with a target completion date of December 2025.

b. Other MAP Board Presentations

There were no additional presentations.

2. Staff Presentations

a. Sunshine Laws and Open Records Training

Staff conducted a comprehensive training session on Colorado's Sunshine Laws and Open Records Act, focusing on ensuring transparency and compliance for board members. The training covered key legal requirements, including the public's right to access meeting records, the proper handling of public notices, and the protocols for conducting open meetings. Emphasis was placed on avoiding violations such as closed-door discussions on public matters, with practical examples provided on maintaining detailed minutes and responding to records requests. Board members were also briefed on the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) processes, including timelines for document release and exemptions, to equip them for effective governance.

b. Regular Updates

Pike Ride Update:

Supervisor Kelemen reported increased ridership, including the library station expansion.

Mountain Metro Report:

Increased usage on Route 33 was noted, with plans to enhance shuttle schedules.

SeeClickFix Report:

There were 15 resolved requests in June 2025, including parking and signage issues.

c. Infrastructure Updates

No specific infrastructure updates were provided.

d. Requested Updates

Traffic Calming Board Update:

Mobility and Parking Director Crawford presented a report on pending traffic calming requests, including updates on residential parking programs (RPPs) and speed humps. Recent requests include speed humps on Crystal Hills Boulevard (approved and installed) and parking restrictions on Prospect Place (reviewed but not recommended due to limited impact). The Traffic Calming Board, comprising the city engineer, Public Works supervisor, parking manager, finance director, and a MAP Board member, has not met regularly due to staff transitions. Crawford and staff plan to reconvene the board, potentially excluding the finance director, and provide quarterly updates to the MAP Board. The board emphasized improving communication with residents on request status and exploring broader changes beyond initial tools like speed humps if ineffective.

Safe Biking Designation on El Paso Boulevard:

The board discussed designating El Paso Boulevard as a safe bike route to connect with Colorado Springs' improvements on Pikes Peak Avenue. Challenges include one-way streets like Park Avenue and lack of safe return routes. Suggestions included adding Manitou routes to Colorado Springs' bike map, formalizing Creek Walk Trail connections, and piloting infrastructure changes. Sutela proposed a bike tour with Crawford to assess options, potentially as a public meeting.

e. Project Updates

3. Other Presentations

There were no other presentations.

I. BUSINESS

1. Bill Bauers Open Space – Board Recommendation to City Council

The board discussed a resolution endorsing the development of a multi-use trail through Bill Bauers Open Space to enhance mobility. Modifications to the draft included striking "Park" from the property name and references to the "Ring of Manitou" network.

Chair Sutela made a motion to forward the Resolution to Council. The motion was seconded by Board Member Koerner. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

J. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

There was no board correspondence.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Stang moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Smith. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

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